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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL SECURITY OFFICER, MIS:

SUBJECT: Handling of Captured Documents on Cryptography.

1. The undersigned has investigated the incident reported by Colonel Collins, Acting Chief, Signal Security Branch of AH.

2. Following are the facts:

a. The "Notes on Japanese Cryptography" were first detected by the scanning section of Pacific MIRS. As is customary and necessary to determine the contents a scan of the notebook was made. After this process, it was determined that cryptographic material was contained therein.

b. The book was then brought personally by Colonel Gronich and turned over to Capt. Killea as directed by Colonel McCormack in accordance with the handling of this type of material.

c. Capt. Killea then transmitted the document with the report of the scanning set therein to AH.

d. There was no dissemination to any agency except AH.

e. In conversation with Colonel Collins over the security phone, Hayes and he were under the impression that some dissemination was given because of the dissemination set on the face of the document which in reality is a part of the scanning set which is utilized in the scanning operation mentioned previously.

f. As soon as cryptographic materials are found in Japanese documents, they are transmitted by the first available transportation to the Office of the Director of Intelligence for transmission to AH. The original documents themselves are turned over to that agency.

3. As a result of my investigation there has been no violation of security, and the matter reported by Colonel Collins was handled expeditiously and in accordance with oral orders issued by the Director of Intelligence.

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